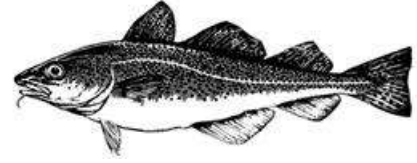


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**CLOSURE ANNOUNCED FOR THE KODIAK AREA
STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD JIG SEASON
EMERGENCY ORDER 4-GF-13-12**

The Kodiak Area state-waters Pacific cod season will close for all vessels using jig gear at 12:00 NOON Wednesday, May 23, 2012. This closure is effective for all jig vessels. Inseason catch estimates indicate the jig gear guideline harvest level (GHL) will be attained at the time of the closure.

Operators are required to be at their unloading destination within 48 hours of the closure.

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